



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Dry Weather Continues

With only trace amounts of precipitation last week, Maryland farmers had 6.3 days that were **suitable for field work**. Dry conditions have characterized this month, so far. With the exception of Somerset and Worcester Counties, precipitation on the Eastern Shore ranged from .6 and 1.4 inches less than average. In the western part of the state, rainfall ranged from .1 to 1.0 inches below average. Prince George’s County is the exception in Western Maryland receiving 3.1 inches, .3 inches above average. High temperatures were near normal for the week ranging from the upper 70's to near 90 degrees.

Farmers took advantage of the dry conditions to advance harvesting activities. **Green Peas** are 91 percent harvested, 15 percent ahead of last year, and 16 percent ahead of the five year average. The **strawberry** harvest is nearing completion at 96 percent, 11 percent ahead of last year, and 10 percent ahead of average. **Snap bean** harvest is underway at 10 percent, matching last year, and 3 percent ahead of average. **Cucumbers** are slightly behind schedule at 12 percent harvested, 2 percent ahead of last year, but 4 percent behind the average.

Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels diminished with the dry conditions. **Topsoil moisture** is currently rated 62 percent adequate, 33 percent short, and 5 percent very short. **Subsoil moisture** is rated 20 percent adequate, 57 percent short, and 23 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Planting Progress:				
Cucumbers	74	66	64	83
Snap Beans	60	55	74	82
Sorghum	97	93	84	84
Soybeans	79	70	76	71
Sweet Corn	94	92	95	95
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	76	60	39	62
Winter Wheat	30	15	12	13
Cucumbers	12	9	10	16
Green Peas	91	82	76	75
Snap beans	10	8	10	7
Strawberries	96	88	85	86
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	22	10	21	22
Alfalfa, 2 nd cutting	40	17	29	30

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	3	23	62	12
Corn	0	4	28	58	10
Soybeans	0	3	15	69	13
Range & Pasture	1	7	43	41	8

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